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SUBJECT: FINNISH RESPONSE - WMD FOREIGN CONSEQUENCE
MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: SECSTATE 12882

¶1. (U) Embassy Helsinki POL, ECON and DAO have reviewed the proposed language for subject MOU and can identify no changes that would improve the likelihood of Finnish Government interest.

¶2. (SBU) Without having consulted host country officials, Embassy judges the likelihood of GOF interest in concluding such an MOU with the United States to be high. Finland has consistently taken a very pro-active interest in international cooperative efforts aimed at limiting the spread of WMD, and at this point we have little reason to believe they would oppose a possible avenue for international cooperation in the areas of WMD disaster consequence management.

¶3. (U) Finnish MFA points of contact for further action on this issue would likely be Laura Kansikas-DeBrais, Director of the Political Department's Unit for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, and/or Marja Lehto, Director of the Legal Department's Unit for Public International Law.
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